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EMA TOYAMA

My secret
is...

AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS

The background of the page is white and features several abstract geometric elements. In the top right corner, there is a large triangle with a smaller triangle inside it; the top-right portion of the outer triangle is filled with diagonal hatching. Scattered around this and in the bottom left corner are various black shapes: small squares, circles, and triangles. Some of these shapes are clustered near larger, faintly outlined triangles. One triangle in the bottom left contains a smaller triangle and is surrounded by several black dots and squares. Another triangle in the top right is partially filled with hatching and contains a few black squares and circles. The overall aesthetic is minimalist and geometric.

AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS

C O N T E N T S

t i m e : 1

PLEASE TELL ME EVERYTHING.

3

t i m e : 2

WHY DON'T YOU GET ME TO TALK?

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t i m e : 3

IT'S OKAY IF IT'S NOT TRUE.

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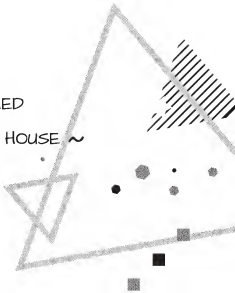
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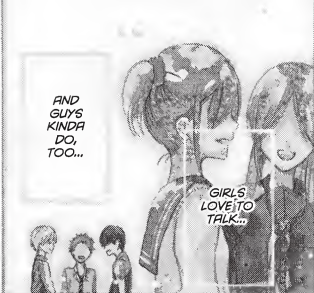
THAT'S FINE.

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PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED
EXTRA EDITION
~ ONE DAY AT THE LISTENING HOUSE ~

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TIME: 1

PLEASE TELL
ME EVERYTHING.



time:1

PLEASE TELL
ME EVERYTHING.



AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



ZIP

ROBA!
NICE
SHOT,
MAN!!

THANKS.



BUT
HE WAS
ALWAYS
A GUY I
ADMIRE.

WAS CHANGING SCHOOLS IN THE
SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH

AND WE
DIDN'T
REALLY
GET TO
TALK...

AOBA-KUN
AND I
WERE IN
THE SAME
CLASS IN
OUR FIRST
YEAR OF
JUNIOR
HIGH...

I
CAME
TO
SEE
HIM
...

AOBA-KUN!
EE~

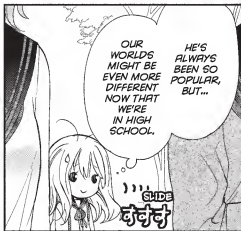
MM...



WHenever
NABU'S HIM
FIRST GETS
HIM FIRST!

WHAAAT?
THAT'S
NOT
FAIR!

THEY'RE ALL
SO PRETTY...



OUR
WORLDS
MIGHT BE
EVEN MORE
DIFFERENT
NOW THAT
WE'RE
IN HIGH
SCHOOL.

HE'S
ALWAYS
BEEN SO
POPULAR,
BUT...

SLIDE
くっく

I'M
DEFINITELY
GONNA
BE HIS
GIRLFRIEND!

AOBA'S
MINE!

I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D
BE IN THE
SAME HIGH
SCHOOL WITH
HIM WHEN I
CAME BACK
HERE...

SO HAPPY...



ON
TOP
OF
THAT
...

WHOA!
WATCH
OUT!

TUMP

I'M
JUST AN
ORDINARY
GIRL
...

AND
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
FRIENDS,
EITHER
...

THEY
CAN'T
HEAR
ME.

IS EX-
TREMELY
QUIET.

Fwooo

GET
OUT
OF
THE
WAY!

HEY!

woosh

MY
VOICE
...







I
GUESS
THERE'S NO
REASON
HE'D
REMEMBER
ME.

ADOB-A-
KUN IS
SOOO
KIND. ♡

HE
DOESN'T
FLATTER
ANYONE
...

LOVES
BASKETBALL
...

AND
SHINES
BRIGHTER
THAN
ANYONE
ELSE.

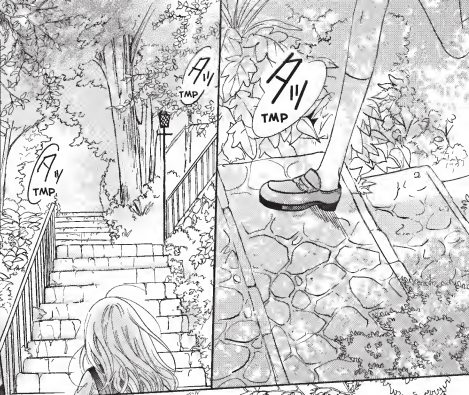
IF
ONLY
...

TODAY,
I TAKE THE
FIRST STEP
TOWARDS
THAT.

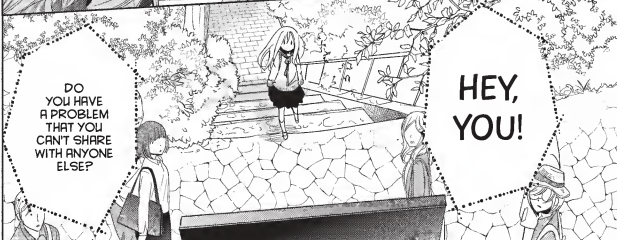
OKAY
...

I
COULD
BE LIKE
THAT,
TOO
...

GOING
THROUGH
A CERTAIN
BACK ROAD
IN KAMA-
KURA...

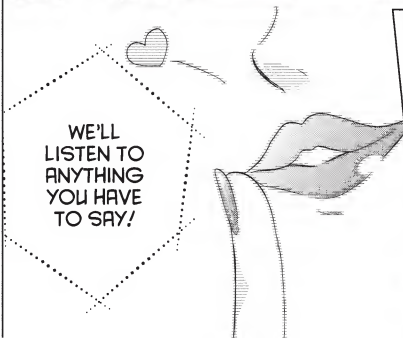


DO
YOU HAVE
A PROBLEM
THAT YOU
CAN'T SHARE
WITH ANYONE
ELSE?



HEY,
YOU!

WE'LL
LISTEN TO
ANYTHING
YOU HAVE
TO SAY!



IT'LL BE
A WEIGHT
OFF YOUR
SHOULDERS IF
YOU SHARE
IT WITH
SOMEONE.





PLEASE
DROP
ON BY!

STARTING
FROM 500 YEN
FOR 10 MINUTES!
REST ASSURED
THAT EVERYTHING
WILL BE KEPT
CONFIDENTIAL!



SAKURADA
LISTENING
HOUSE
FAMILIAAA!

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE
TO COME ON IN
**SAKURADA
LISTENING
HOUSE FAMILIA**

**LISTENING
HOUSE**
500YEN/10YEN

WELCOME

YOU CAN TELL
US ANYTHING

AT THIS
SUPER
SHADY-
LOOKING
PLACE

DO
PEOPLE
ACTU-
ALLY
GO IN?

TODAY,
I START
MY
PART-
TIME
JOB...

WEIRD.

WHAT
IS
THIS?

IT
LOOKS
SO
SKETCHY.



AS MY AUNT RUNS THIS BUSINESS, I ENDED UP GETTING A JOB HERE.

YOU'RE FINALLY HERE, MAYO.





OKAY.

YOU
MUST NOT
ASK ANY
QUESTIONS
OR OFFER
ANY
ADVICE.

AT THE
LISTENING
HOUSE, WE
ONLY LISTEN
TO THE
CUSTOMER!!



OOH!
IT SUITS
YOU VERY
WELL!

EH??

I'M NOT
GOOD AT
TALKING,
SO THIS
JOB SEEMS
LIKE
SOMETHING
EVEN I
CAN DO.

IT'S SO
STRANGE
THAT THERE'S
A JOB WHERE
THE ONLY THING
YOU DO IS
LISTEN...

YOU'LL
BE EASY
FOR ANY
CUSTOMERS
TO TALK
TO!

A PLAIN,
HARMLESS
GIRL IF
I EVER
SAW
ONE!





WELL, OF
COURSE! ARE
YOU GETTING
COLD FEET?

GASP!!
ひき!!

HUH?! A
CUSTOMER
ALREADY
?!



ALL RIGHT.
WHILE THINGS
ARE STILL
FRESH, HAVE
YOUR FIRST
TEN-MINUTE
SESSION WITH
THE CUSTOMER
THAT'S
INSIDE.

しよぼん



IN ORDER
TO BECOME
MORE LIKE
THAT SHINING
PERSON...

I'LL...
DO IT
...!



I WANT
TO TAKE
THE STEP
FORWARD.

NICE
TO MEET
YOU.

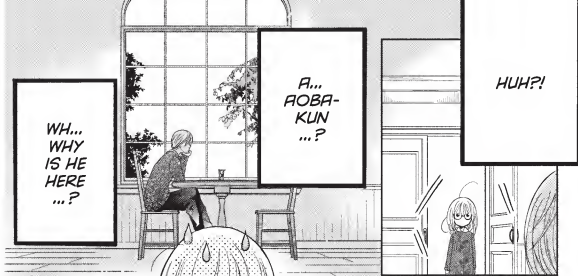
BA-
#DUMP

BA-
#DUMP

BA-
#DUMP

N...









IS
A PLACE
WHERE
PEOPLE
LISTEN
TO YOUR
PROBLEMS,
RIGHT?

THIS
...

IN THAT
CASE...

HE'S SO
CLOSE...



WHAT MY
PROBLEM
IS?

CAN
YOU
GUESS
...





ROBA-KUN
REALLY
CAME...

10
A-1
SUIT...



EX-
PLAIN
YOUR-
SELF.

ホ
フュー...

BUT I'M
GLAD
WORK
IS OVER
...

A
LITTLE...
MEANER
...?

HE'S
DIFFERENT
FROM
BEFORE
...

I THINK...

YOU
ACTUALLY
THINK
THAT?!

B...BUT
HE MADE
A MISTAKE
COMING
HERE...

E E K !

WHAT
THE HECK
ARE YOU
THINKING,
GIVING A
CUSTOMER
THEIR
MONEY
BACK
WITHOUT
PERMIS-
SION?!

Roba-kun



HUH...?

THAT
BOY IS
BURDENED
WITH
A HUGE
PROBLEM.

PEOPLE
DON'T THINK
OF COMING TO
A PLACE LIKE
THIS IF THEY
DON'T HAVE
SOMETHING
THEY WANT TO
SHARE.

ENOUGH
FOR HIM
TO GIVE IT
A SHOT
AND SEE
WHETHER
THERE'S
SOMEONE
HE CAN
TALK TO.



BY
THEN, IT
WILL BE
MORE
SERIOUS.



HMM.

MY
INTUITION
TELLS ME
HE'LL BE
BACK.



A HUGE
PROBLEM
...?

AND
TSUYOSHI
OKAMO-
TO...

RYOSUKE
KAZAUMA
...

SECOND-
YEAR
STUDENTS
TAIKI
IWASE
...

LET'S
SEE...
THE
STARTING
LINEUP

AOBA-
KUN
...?

FOR
THE
NEXT
GAME
IS...

Y
E
A
H
!

LET'S
GO!!

WHOA!
AMAZING!

LET'S
GO ALL
OUT AND
DESTROY
THEM!

IMPRESSIVE!
YOU FIRST-
YEARS ARE
ON THE
STARTING
LINEUP.

AS WELL
AS FIRST-
YEAR
STUDENTS
KOTA AOBA
AND NAO
INOHARA.

HUHP

DONT
SLOW
US
DOWN,
OKAY
?

WOW!



AOBA-KUN IS AMAZING!

HA HA
HA! ALL
RIGHT!

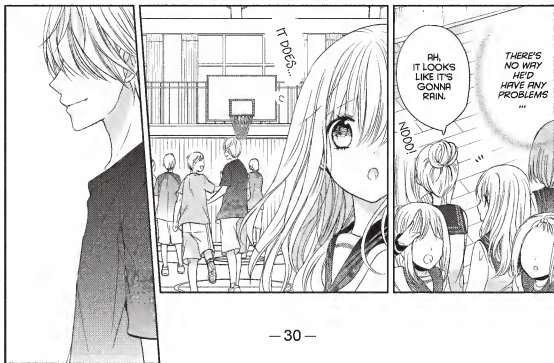
LIKE
WE'D
DO THAT!

IDIOT!



HE LOVES
BASKETBALL
MORE THEN
ANYONE...

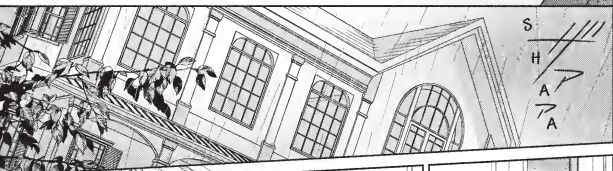
HE'S THE
SAME AS
HE WAS
BEFORE.



IT DOES...

AH,
IT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
GONNA
RAIN.

THERE'S
NO WAY
HE'D
HAVE ANY
PROBLEMS
...

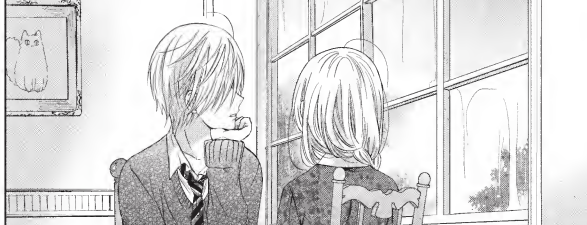




SO
SICK OF
BASKET-
BALL.



I'M
...



TO-
MORROW
BEFORE
PRACTICE...
I'M GONNA
TELL THE
TEAM SUPER-
VISOR
I'M NOT
PLAYING
...



AND I
DON'T
WANT
TO BE
IN THE
GAME.



IT'S
SUCH A
HASSLE
GETTING
ALONG
WITH MY
TEAM-
MATES
...



AND
JUST
QUIT.



AND
BESIDES

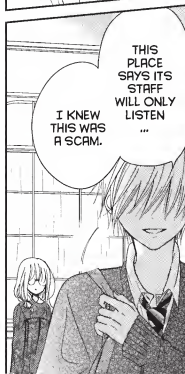
WHY?

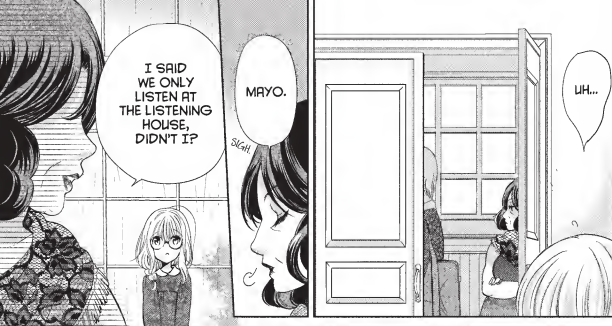
"WHY?"
OH, RIGHT...
I CAN'T
ASK ANY
QUESTIONS.

"YOU'RE
JUST
TIRED"...
I CAN'T
GIVE ANY
ADVICE,
EITHER.

I HATED
BASKET-
BALL SINCE
I WAS IN
JUNIOR HIGH,
ANYWAY.

HE
WAS SO
EAGER
BACK IN
JUNIOR
HIGH.





ROBA-KUN
ALSO
WANTED
SOMEONE
TO ACCEPT
HIM...

SH

PA
A
PA
A

**BUT
MAYBE
I WAS
WRONG**

...

**BUT
I...**

ROBA
MISSED
PRACTICE
TODAY.

A
BASKET-
BALL-
TEAM
MEMBER?!

1/0
CLACK





I MEAN,
THE GUY'S
WAY TOO
PERFECT.



APPAR-
ENTLY HE
WAS REALLY
GOOD WHEN
HE WAS IN
JUNIOR
HIGH!



I'M
EXCITED
TO SEE
THE GUY
PLAY
NEXT
GAME.



EVEN IF
HE DID,
I BET WE
WOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO UNDER-
STAND.

OF
COURSE
NOT!

YOU
IDIOD!

I
WONDER
IF HE'S
GOT ANY
PROBLEMS





THE
WORDS
KEPT
COMING
OUT...

I...

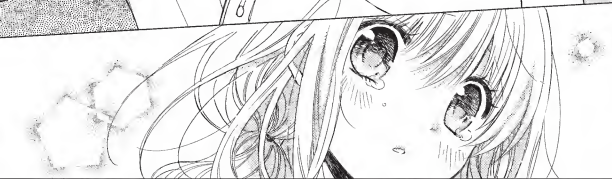
HE
NEVER
REALLY...
CAME
HOME,
EITHER,
SO...

HATE
IT...

AND
THEY
DIDN'T
STOP
...

I
FIGURED...
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN
...







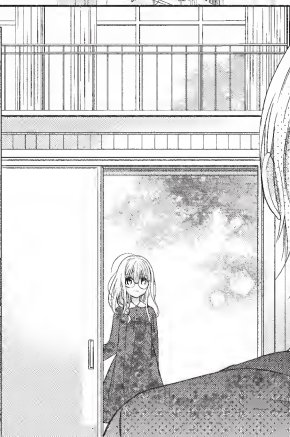
*BUT
BEFORE
I KNEW IT,
I FELT
RELIEVED.*



OH,
SUPER-
VISOR
...



THE GIRL
FROM THE
LISTENING
HOUSE?
WHY ARE
YOU...?







DID YOU
JOIN THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM IF
YOU'RE SICK
OF IT?

TH...
THEN
WHY
...



SCARY
...

THAT'S
NOT YOUR
BUSINESS.

DON'T
YOU
ACTUALLY
LIKE
BASKET-
BALL?

BUT...



ARE YOU
INTERRO-
GATING
ME?

YOU
SURE
ARE
STUB-
BORN.



I
JUST
...

WANNA
LISTEN
...

I'LL
ACCEPT
WHAT
YOU HAVE
TO SAY,
SO...

PLEASE
TELL ME
EVERY-
THING.

THAT'S
MY JOB.

JUST
LIKE HOW
YOU
LISTENED
TO ME
BACK
THEN...

THIS
TIME, IT'S
MY TURN TO
LISTEN TO
YOU...



HMM

...



IF
YOU'RE
SO CON-
VINCED
THAT I
HAVE PRO-
BLEMS
...



GIRL
FROM THE
LISTENING
HOUSE?

WHY
DON'T
YOU GET
ME TO
TALK?



BA-T= #
T= #
DUMP

Vto
SNICKER

THAT IS,
IF THERE'S
SOMETHING
TO TALK
ABOUT.

I...



LIGHTER!

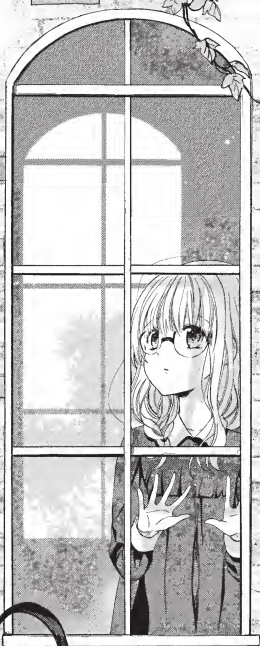
I'LL
MAKE
YOUR
BURDEN
...

MY LIFE
AT THE
LISTENING
HOUSE.

AND SO
BEGAN
...



AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



time:2

WHY DON'T YOU
GET ME TO TALK?





IT SEEMED
LIKE HE
WAS
WEIGHED
DOWN BY
SOME
KIND OF
PROBLEM.

THE
PERSON I
ADMIRE
LONG
AGO HAS
BECOME
A LITTLE
MEAN...

YOU'RE
GONNA
RELIEVE
ME OF MY
BURDENS,
RIGHT?

GET ME
TO TALK
ABOUT MY
PROBLEMS
...

AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS



Y...
YOU'LL
WANT
TO PLAY
BASKET-
BALL
AGAIN
...

I...I
THINK IF
YOU FEEL
RELIEVED
...

PAUSE



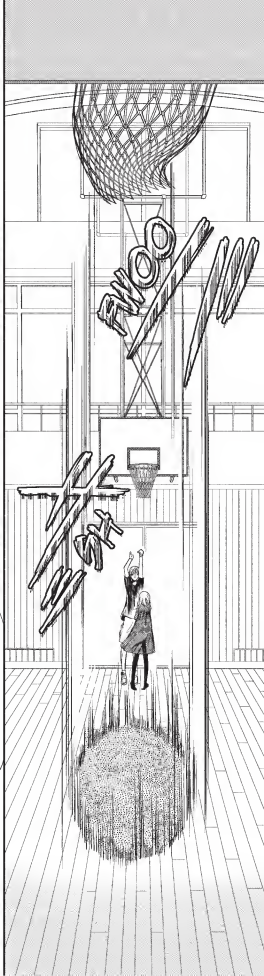
WHAT
DO YOU
GET OUT
OF THIS,
ANYWAY?



IN THAT
CASE...

IP

!!



MAYO SAKURADA
 BORN MARCH 4TH
 BLOOD TYPE: A
 HEIGHT: 148CM
 FAVORITE FOOD:
 APPLE PIE
 MAYONNAISE



6:30 AM
 STRUGGLING WITH
 HER UNRULY HAIR

THE WINTER SQUIRREL THAT LIVES
 BY THE LISTENING HOUSE



NEXT
 WEEK
 ?!



NEXT
 WEEK.



OH,
 IT'S THE
 OTHERS!

YO,
 ROBA!
 ARE YOU
 COMING
 ?



LTUG
 W



SEE
 YOU
 LATER.

OH,
 UH...



I'LL BE
WAITING!



THEN
COME
TO THE
LISTENING
HOUSE
THAT WEEK
AND TELL
ME WHAT'S
ON YOUR
MIND!



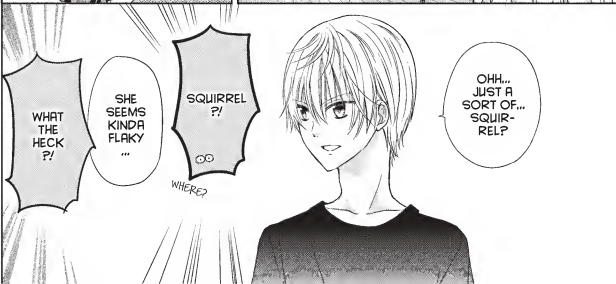
RATTLE

HUHP
ROBA,
WERE
YOU
WITH
SOME-
ONE?



It?
STUMBLE?
ROCK!

THUD
DASH



WHAT
THE
HECK
?!

SHE
SEEMS
KINDA
FLAKY
...

SQUIRREL
?!
OO

WHERE?

OHH...
JUST A
SORT OF...
SQUIR-
REL?



SERIOUSLY...
I COULDN'T
HAVE SAID
IT BETTER
MYSELF.



I...



カク
カク



THAT'S
NOT
LISTENING
WORK,
THAT'S
DETECTIVE
WORK!

HOW
DO I GET
AOBA-KUN
TO TALK
ABOUT
HIS PROB-
LEMS?



MADE
A CRAZY
PROMISE
...



I
MEAN
...

HE'S
SO TALL!!

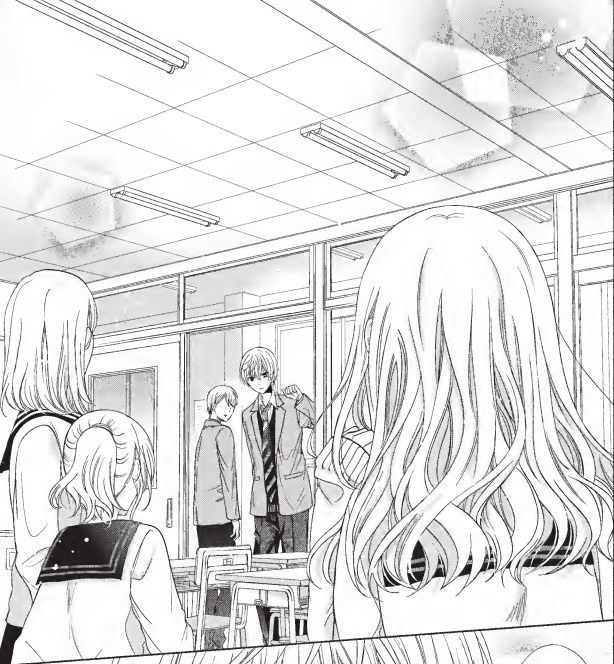
CHATTER
...

CHATTER
...

ECK/
WHAT'S
HE
DOING
HERE?

HUH...?
ISN'T THAT
THE GUY
FROM
CLASS 4P

I
HARDLY
KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
AOBA-
KUN...

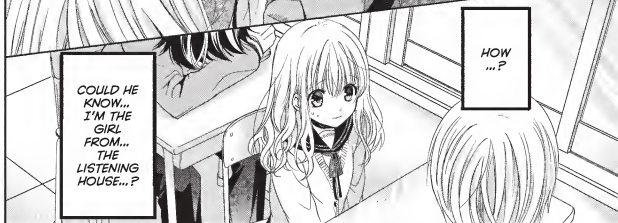


HUH
...?

I
THOUGHT
YOU'D BE
HERE.



AOBA-
KUN?!



COULD HE
KNOW...
I'M THE
GIRL
FROM...
THE
LISTENING
HOUSE...?

HOW
...?



YOU KNOW
WHAT I'M
HERE ABOUT,
DON'T YOU?





...?!



DON'T
ACT LIKE
YOU'RE
SLEEPING,
NAO!!



URK...
HE'S
GONNA
KILL
ME.

DON'T
GIVE
ME
THAT!

THE
MANAGER
IS PISSED
'CAUSE YOU
DIDN'T COME
TO MORNING
PRACTICE.



I'M
NOT PRE-
TENDING.

I'M
REALLY
NOT A
MORNING
PERSON.

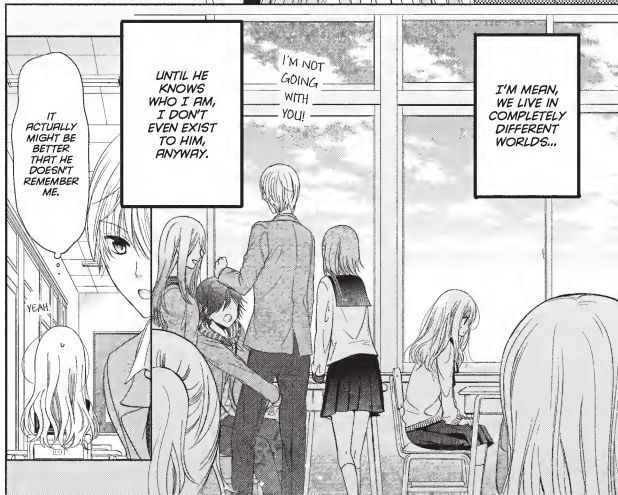


INOHARA-
KUN FROM
THE BASKET-
BALL TEAM
WAS SITTING
BEHIND ME.

CAN YOU
APOLOGIZE
WITH ME?

OH...

NO WAY!!





OF COURSE!

YOU
THINK
YOU
CAN
WIN

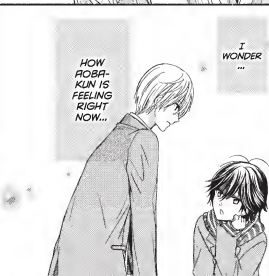
HEY, YOU
TWO ARE
PLAYING
IN THE
GAME,
RIGHT?

BUMP
ゴ!

BA DUMP
ゴ!

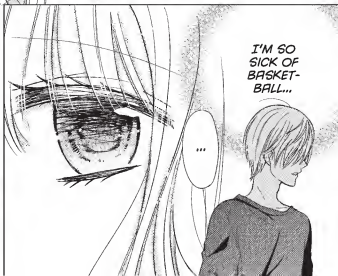


YOU GUYS
REALLY
ARE GOOD
FRIENDS!



HOW
ROBA-
KUN IS
FEELING
RIGHT
NOW...

I
WONDER
...



I'M SO
SICK OF
BASKET-
BALL...

...

OKAY !!

WHAT
I CAN
FOR
HIM...

AS HIS
LISTENER,
I WANT
TO DO...

I HAVE
TO BE IN
HIS SHOES
WHEN I
LISTEN...

UH-
HUH!
UH-
HUH!

INTERESTING!
PEOPLE
NEED TIME
TO TALK
ABOUT STUFF
THEY DON'T
WANT TO
TALK ABOUT.

ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP

ZIP
ZIP

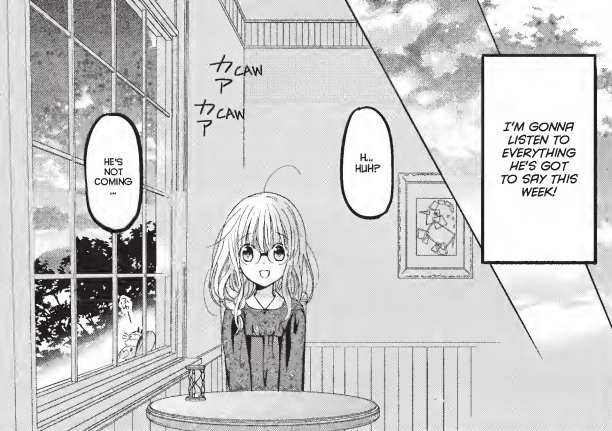
聞き

ROBA-
KUN, I
HOPE
YOU
COME
SOON
...

READING
UP ON
THIS
STUFF,
I THINK
I CAN
DO IT!

TODAY,
YOU TOO CAN BE
A GOOD
LISTENER

THE TWO GOAL FOR WHOLE



HE'S
NOT
COMING

H...
HUHP

I'M GONNA
LISTEN TO
EVERYTHING
HE'S GOT
TO SAY THIS
WEEK!



MAYO,
YOU HAVE
A CUSTOM-
ER!

WHY
NOT
?!

YOU KNOW MY
DAUGHTER-IN-
LAW CANNOT
MAKE MISO SOUP
PROPERLY,
BUT WHEN I WAS
YOUNG I DID
THIS AND THAT



PLEASE
BE ALL
EARS AS
I COMPLAIN
ABOUT MY
DAUGHTER-
IN-LAW!

THIS
CUSTOMER
HAS RE-
QUESTED
A THREE-
HOUR
SESSION.

BLAH!!
フ
4
BLAH!!
フ
4
BLAH!!
フ
4
BLAH!!
フ
4



HE DIDN'T.
IS HE
ON
YOUR
MIND?

OH, UM!!
WHILE I
WAS BUSY
WITH THIS
SESSION,
D-DID
THAT BOY
WHO CAME
LAST TIME
HAPPEN TO
VISIT?

A manga-style illustration. On the left, a girl with short, wavy hair and glasses has a surprised expression with wide eyes and an open mouth. Above her head, the text "HUHP?" is written. On the right, a boy with dark, wavy hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a patterned shirt. A large speech bubble contains his dialogue. Above the speech bubble, the text "JUST LEAVE HIM BE!!" is written with a small squiggle indicating sound or emphasis.

HUHP?

JUST LEAVE HIM BE!!

A CUSTOMER LIKE HIM WILL TRY THIS PLACE OUT SEVERAL TIMES, AND IF HE FINDS THAT HE CAN'T TRUST US, HE'LL JUST CLAM UP.

EXHAUSTED

WELL-DONE, MAYO.

THREE HOURS LATER

ほく VERY ほく PLEASED

REACHED

WELL-DONE, MAYO.

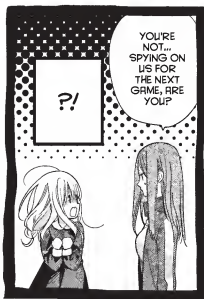
JUST
LEAVE
HIM
A BE!!

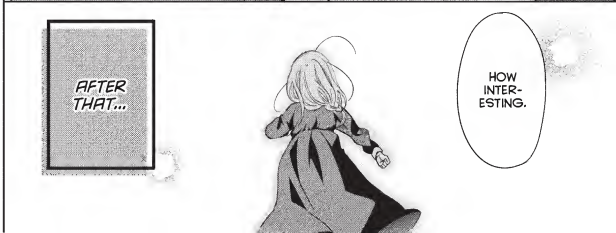
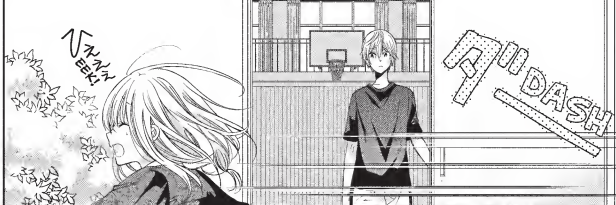
SO
THEN..
DOES
THAT
MEAN

HUH ?!

I'VE GOT SOME FIELD WORK TO DO!

THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN ME WAITING HERE...





ぐんぐん
CLENCH...

IS HE
AVOIDING
ME?

WHY
ISN'T
AOBA-
KUN
COMING
THROUGH
HERE
...?

I'M
WAIT-
ING AT
THE
FRONT
GATE
...

FOUR
DAYS
LEFT...

HE
NEVER
SHOWED
UP.

NO
MATTER
HOW
MUCH I
WANTED
...

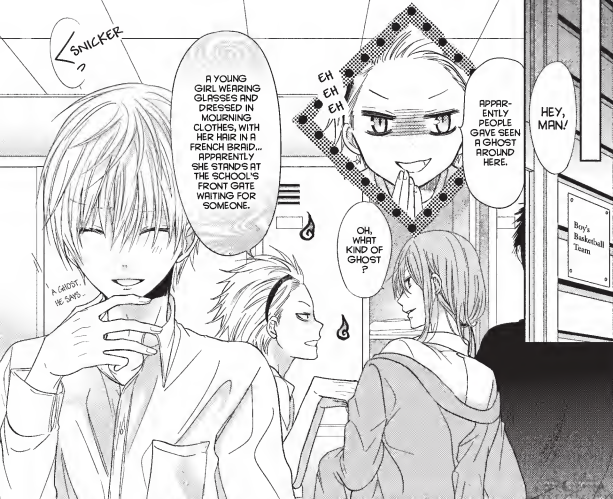
I FEEL
SO
POWER-
LESS
...

ONLY
BEING
ABLE TO
LISTEN
...



Be in that person's shoes when listening.





SNICKER

A YOUNG GIRL WEARING GLASSES AND DRESSED IN MOURNING CLOTHES, WITH HER HAIR IN A FRENCH BRAID... APPARENTLY SHE STANDS AT THE SCHOOL'S FRONT GATE WAITING FOR SOMEONE.

EH
EH
EH

APPARENTLY PEOPLE HAVE SEEN A GHOST AROUND HERE.

HEY, MAN!

OH, WHAT KIND OF GHOST?

A GHOST, HE SAYS...



BUT SHE WASN'T AT THE SCHOOL'S FRONT GATE. SHE WAS PLAYING BASKETBALL IN THE SCHOOL'S BACK YARD.

I THINK I MIGHT'VE SEEN HER.

APPARENTLY PEOPLE HAVE SEEN GHOSTS AROUND HERE.

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, ROBA?

ARE YOU SERIOUS, NAO?!

HUH ...?

A GHOST

PLAYING BASKETBALL?!

GASP

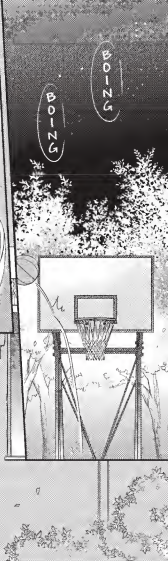


IT'S
PRETTY
AMAZING
THAT YOU
HAVEN'T
BEEN ABLE
TO GET IT
IN EVEN
ONCE.



IT'S
NOT
GOING
IN AT
ALL
...

は
PANT
は
PANT



UH...
WELL...



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?



UH...



ANYTHING
IS FINE...

I... I
WANTED
TO KNOW
WHY...

YOU'RE
SICK OF
BASKET-
BALL...

I JUST
WANNA...
GET TO
KNOW
YOU...

ONLY
BEING
ABLE TO
LISTEN
...

IF YOU
CARE
THAT
MUCH,
I'LL
TALK
...

WHY
DOES IT
MATTER
SO
MUCH
TO YOU
...?

I...

HELP?

...

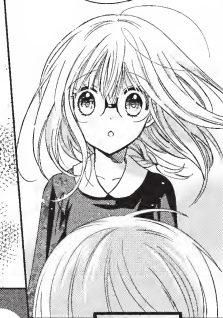


I PREFER
CHERRY
BLOSSOMS
WAY MORE.

A
RIDDLE
?

AND
"
MY
LAST
NAME IS
"AOBA,"
MEANING
"GREEN
LEAVES,"
BUT...

LIKE
WATER MORE
THAN TREES
..."



AND I
LIKE THE
STARS
MORE
THAN THE
MOON.

HUH
... ?







JUST
NOW...YOU
DIDN'T SAY
IT IN A WAY
THAT WOULD
MAKE
SENSE...

BUT...
IT MAKES
SENSE
TO YOU,
DOESN'T
IT, ROBA-
KUN...



I'M SURE
THAT'S AS
MUCH AS YOU
CAN SHARE
WITH ME
RIGHT NOW.

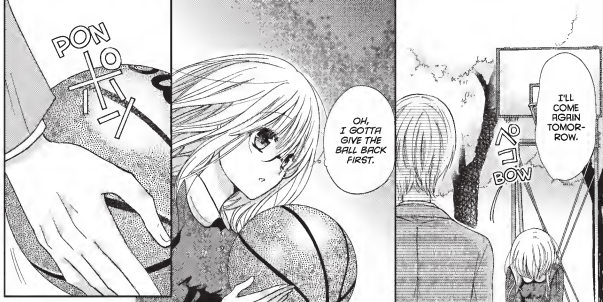
TRYING
TO BRUSH
ME OFF AS
IF I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND

HE'S
TESTING
ME...



SO
I'LL
TAKE
IT.

I'M JUST
REALLY
GLAD THAT
YOU SPOKE
TO ME
WITHOUT
RUNNING
AWAY.





"MAKING
THE
SHOT"
...

THEN
PICTURE
MAKING THE
SHOT AND
PUSH OFF
STRONG.

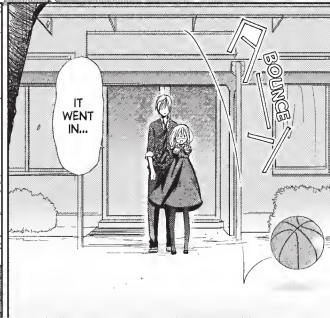
BA-
...
DUMP

IMAGINE
SHOOTING
STRAIGHT
FROM YOUR
SHOULDER.

GO!

TAP

HIS
VOICE
IS SO
SERI-
OUS...





HEH.

YOU'RE
SO
SIMPLE.

I WONDER
WHY HIS
SMILE
SEEMS SO
LONELY...

SECRET



NEVER
MIND ONE
STEP... I
MIGHT HAVE
TO TAKE A
HUNDRED
STEPS...

IF ALL
I DO IS
WAIT AT THE
LISTENING
HOUSE...

I
MIGHT
END UP
WASTING
MY TIME
...

I
WANNA
HEAR
MORE
FROM
AOBA-
KUN

...

THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOM
SEASON
...

IS
ALREADY
OVER.

I
WONDER
WHY HE
PREFERS
CHERRY
BLOS-
SOMS...



YOU
WANNA
TRY OUT
FOR THE
TEAM?

HUH
...?

TREMBLE
ブルブル
TREMBLE

TREMBLE
ブルブル
TREMBLE

AS A
BASKET-
BALL-
TEAM
MANAGER
?

IN ORDER
TO FIND
OUT ABOUT
AOBA-KUN'S
PROBLEMS.

CLUB APPLICATION

CLASS: 1-1

NAME: MAYO SAKURADA

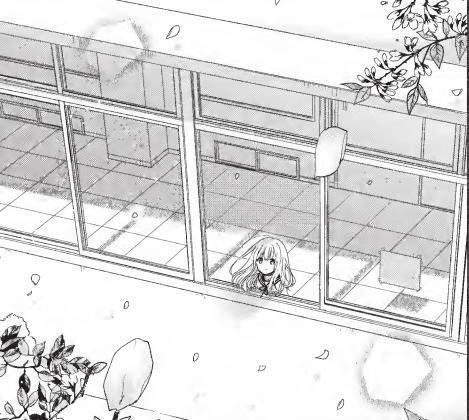


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IT'S OKAY IF
IT'S NOT TRUE.



AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



FOR
SOME
REASON,
WHEN IT
COMES
TO ROBA-
KUN, MY
BODY HAS
A MIND
OF ITS
OWN...



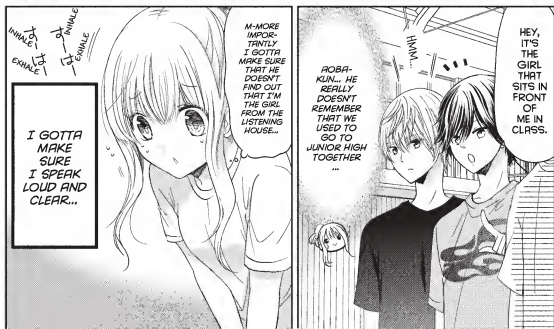
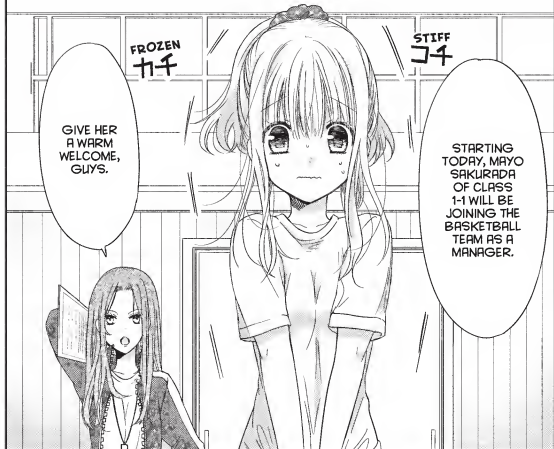
THE CHERRY
BLOSSOMS
ARE FALLING
EARLY...



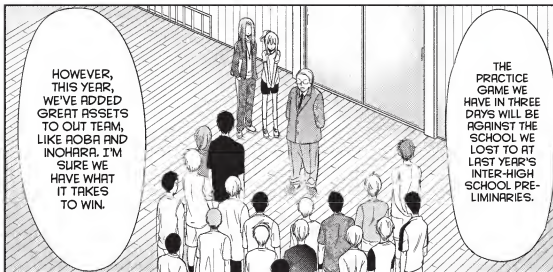
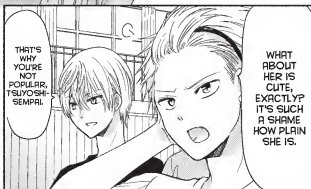
I WANT
TO KNOW
YOU
BETTER.

OKAY
!!

MY
LAST NAME
IS "ROBA,"
WHICH MEANS
"GREEN
LEAVES,"
BUT I
PREFER
CHERRY
BLOS-
SOMS WAY
MORE.







KOTA AOBA
BORN AUGUST 7TH
BLOOD TYPE: A
HEIGHT: 184CM
FAVORITE FOOD:
GYOZA
TOMATO JUICE



6:30 AM
WALKING HIS BELOVED
DOG LUCKY WHILE
OUT FOR A JOG.



AN
M-X
DOG

A DOG
WITH
BEARDED
COLLIE
ROOTS

**YES,
SIR!**

TO THOSE
ON THE
STARTING
LINE-UP AS
WELL AS
THOSE ON
THE BENCH,
GIVE EVERY-
THING YOU'VE
GOT SO WE
CAN WIN.



!!
#BA-
DUMP

!!
#BA-
DUMP

I SHOULD
MAKE SURE
TO LEARN
EVERYTHING
I CAN IN
TIME FOR
THE GAME...

SO
I CAN
HELP
AOBA-
KUN
FEEL
BETTER!

WHAT A
SHINING
GROUP
OF GUYS
...

OKAY,
LET'S
START
PRA-
CTICE!





DON'T
BE SLOW!
KEEP
MOVING
!!

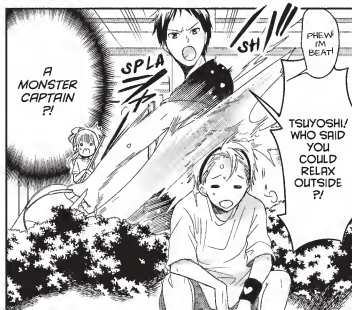
WE'RE
GONNA
PRACTICE
100
SHOTS!
AND
500 RE-
BOUNDS!



MOVE
YOUR
BODY,
NOT
YOUR
MOUTH!

SORRY!

NAO!
STAY ON
YOUR
GUARD!



A
MONSTER
CAPTAIN
?!

SPLA

SH

PHEW
I'M
BEAT!

TSUYOSHI!
WHO SAID
YOU
COULD
RELAX
OUTSIDE
?!



ぜーはー
ぜーはー
ぜーはー
W H E E Z E
W H E E Z E
W H E E Z E

SHINING
...?

I'M
GONNA
DIE.



THEN
WE DON'T
NEED THEM
ON THE
TEAM...

SNICKER
g...

WELL...
IF THIS
IS ALL
IT TAKES
TO MAKE
SOMEONE
TIRED...

HA HA HA,
SURPRISED?
TAIKI'S A
DIFFERENT
PERSON
WHEN IT
COMES TO
BASKET-
BALL.

"HE
DOESN'T
TALK
MUCH"?!
REALLY?

HE HAS
A CUTE
SMILE
...



PANT
PANT
PANT

THIS IS
TORTURE.
I'M DONE
...



YOU'RE
GETTING
LEFT
BEHIND,
SEMPAI!

WH
HOOH
HOOH

OH!
I GUESS
YOU STILL
HAVE THE
STRENGTH
TO YELL!

OW!
AOBA!

HO
HOOOP
X

TAKE
THE BALL
FROM ME
ALREADY!

HURRY
UP...



WHISTLE

N
G
G
H
!

HIS
SHOOTING
PERCENT-
AGE IS
INSANE...

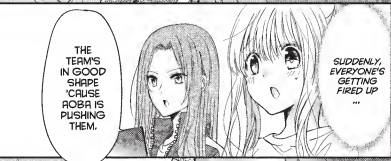
CRAZY...
FROM
THAT
FAR...



I DON'T
WANNA
LOSE
TO HIM.

OH, YEAHP
I'M NOT
GONNA LET
SOME FIRST-
YEAR SHOW
ME UP!

DON'T LET
AOBA GET ALL
THE ACTION IN
FRONT OF THE
GIRLS.



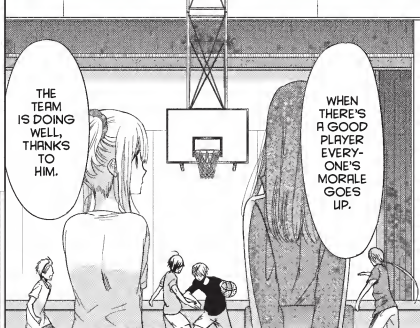
THE
TEAM'S
IN GOOD
SHAPE
'CAUSE
AOBA IS
PUSHING
THEM.

SUDDENLY,
EVERYONE'S
GETTING
FIRED UP
...



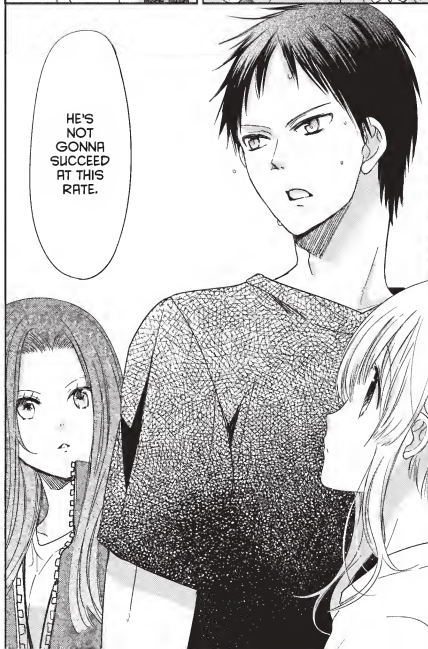
"IT'S SUCH
A HASSLE
GETTING
ALONG WITH
MY TEAM-
MATES..."

...



THE
TEAM
IS DOING
WELL,
THANKS
TO HIM.

WHEN
THERE'S
A GOOD
PLAYER
EVERY-
ONE'S
MORALE
GOES
UP.



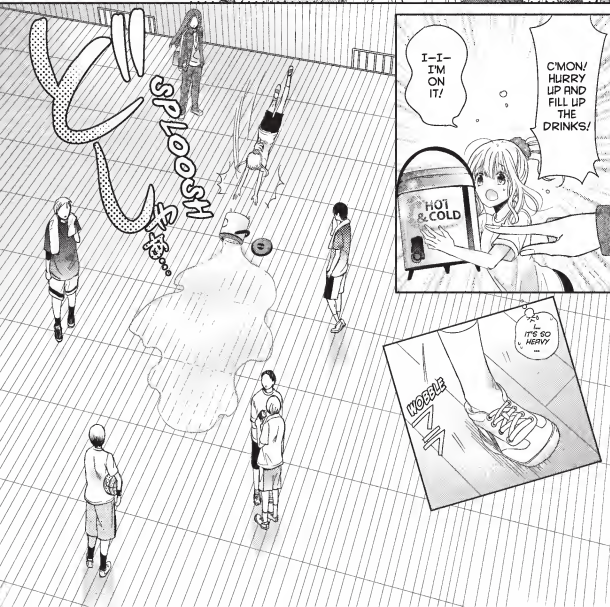
HE'S
NOT
GONNA
SUCCEED
AT THIS
RATE.



D...DO
YOU THINK
ROBA-KUN
HAS ANY
PROB-
LEMS...?

PROB-
ABLY
NOT.

ROBA?



10
FLAP



IT'S
NOT THAT
TOUGH
Y'KNOW?

I...
I'M SO
SORRY...
FOR MAKING
YOU DO
ALL THIS...
BEFORE
YOUR
TOUGH
100-
LAP
PRACTICE...

GODD
POINT

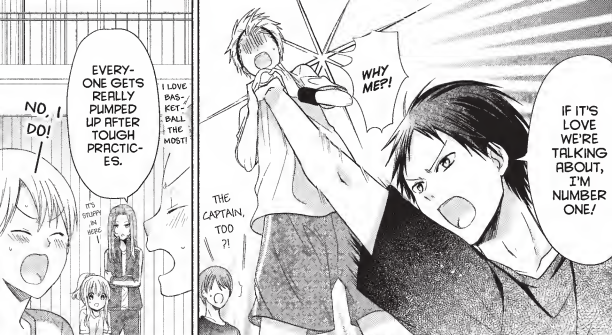
UH,
WOULDN'T
IT BE
EASIER
TO USE A
MOP?!

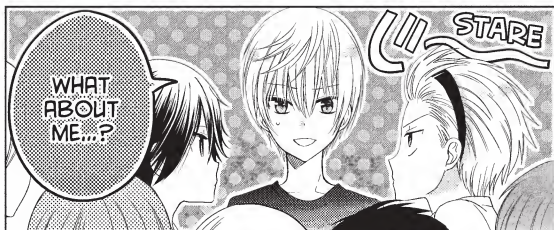
I LIKE
BASKETBALL,
SO I'M
TOTALLY
COOL WITH
IT.

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
LOVE
?

IS
THAT SO?
I THINK
I LOVE
BASKET-
BALL THE
MOST.

WE'RE ALL
THE SAME...
EVERYONE
LIKES IT.





I'M
SORRY
FOR
LIVING.

YOU WERE
USELESS,
JUST AS I
SUSPECTED.

YOU CAN
GO ON HOME
FIRST.

AFTER
ALL THAT...

I DIDN'T GET TO
HEAR ABOUT ROBA-KUN'S
PROBLEMS...

AND I HAD TO POLISH ALL
THE BASKETBALLS THAT
WERE THROWN ON
THE COURT...

COLLAPSE

THAT'S
ALL FOR
TODAY,
GUYS.
EVERYONE,
COOL
DOWN.

ほ DRAINED

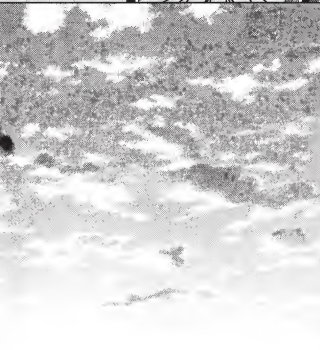
DID HE
ALREADY
LEAVE
...?

BUT
I GOTTA
MEET
AOBA-KUN
AS THE
LISTENING
HOUSE
GIRL...

புதிதான

あせ
RUSH







THEY'RE
A FUNNY
GROUP.
GETTING
CAUGHT UP
CHASING
A GHOST
...



I WAS
SO SUR-
PRISED...
ALTHOUGH
EVERYONE
ON THE
BASKET-
BALL TEAM
WAS, TOO
...

THIS
...



THAT WAS
DANGEROUS!
IT'D BE THE
WORST IF
THEY START
THINKING
I'M YOUR
FRIEND.



THEY'RE
ALL
REALLY
INTO
BASKET-
BALL...



E...
EVERYONE
ON THE
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM...P

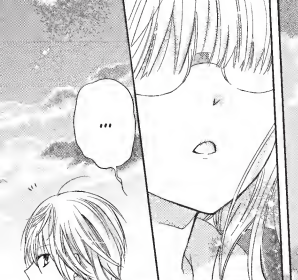
PRE-
TEND
YOU
DON'T
KNOW

YEAH
...



BUT
THEY'RE ALL
REALLY NICE
GUYS, SO...

BA-
DUMP



...



WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?
SPEAK
UP.



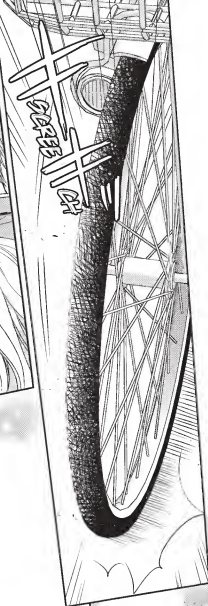
ROBA,
ABOUT THE
PROBLEM
YOU HAVE
...



LIKE GREEN
LEAVES,
THEY'RE ONLY
GONNA GET
BETTER
FROM HERE
ON OUT.



WHAT
GIVES, ALL
OF A
SUDDEN?



IT'S
THAT YOU
CAN'T ADMIT
WHEN YOU
LIKE SOME-
THING,
ISN'T IT?



I PREFER
CHERRY
BLOSSOMS
WAY MORE
THAN GREEN
LEAVES.

IF
EVERYONE
ON THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM ARE
LEAVES
...



INTER-
ESTING,
SO PEOPLE
ACTUALLY
HAVE THOSE
KINDS OF
PROBLEMS.



TH-THEN
SAY IT.
SAY THAT
YOU LIKE
BASKETBALL
AND THAT
YOU LIKE
YOUR TEAM-
MATES.

THE
TRUTH IS
YOU LIKE
LEAVES
MORE
...

IT'S
OKAY
IF IT'S
NOT
TRUE.

TODAY
...

I
TOLD YOU
BEFORE
THAT I'M
SICK OF
BASKET-
BALL AND
MY TEAM-
MATES.

H...
HUH
?!

?!

IF YOU
DON'T SAY
IT, I'M NOT
GETTING
OFF THIS
BICYCLE!

AND
...

OKAY,
I LIKE
EVERYONE
ON THE
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM...

WHAT'S
WITH
YOU
TODAY?

J&B2...



I
LIKE
...

I...

✂
CLENCH





BASKET-
BALL,
TOO...

BLUSH
はぁ...

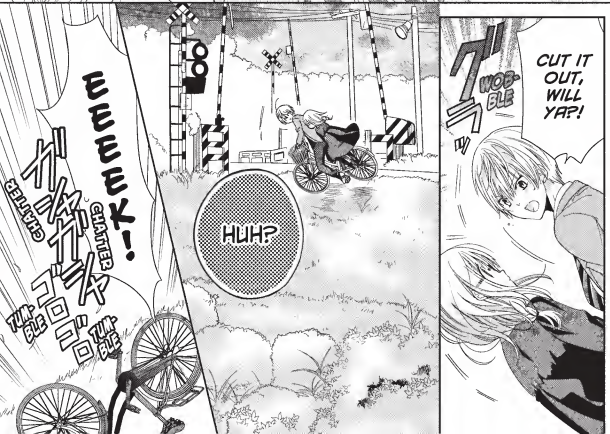
RATHER,
YOU'RE
GETTING
ME TO
LIE.

MAN, WHAT
IS THIS?
YOU'RE NOT
GETTING ME
TO TALK,
YOU'RE JUST
GETTING ME
TO SAY WHAT
YOU WANT
...

はぁ...
Sigh...



IF IT
WERE A
LIE, YOUR
FACE
WOULDN'T
BE SO
RED.



CUT IT
OUT,
WILL
YAP!

HUHP





SORRY
...
YOUR
GLASSES
ARE
CROOKED
...

AOBA-
KUN...

GASP!

BA-
//
DUMP

BA-
//
DUMP

BA-
//
DUMP

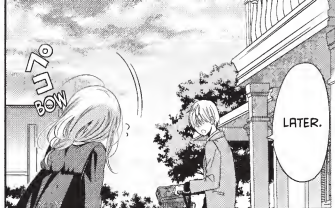


...?
I FEEL
LIKE I'VE
SEEN HER
SOME-
WHERE
...

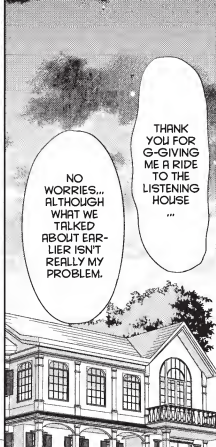
I'M
FINE!

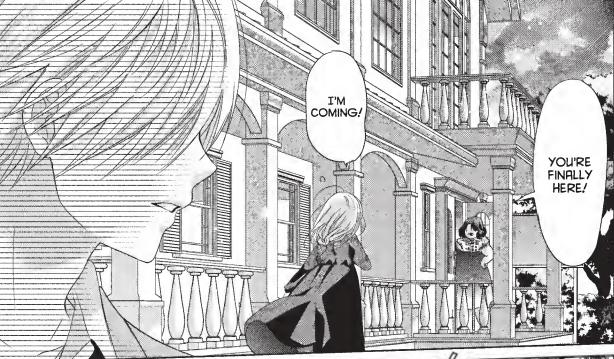
TH-
THAT
WAS
CLOSE.

JOIT
//
//



LATER.









time: 4

THAT'S FINE.



YOU'RE...
THE
MANAGER?

THAT
MEANS
...

AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS

SO THE
STUFF YOU
SAID ABOUT
ME EARLIER
WAS 'CAUSE
YOU KNEW
ABOUT THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM...

I
SEE
...

I'VE
BEEN
FOUND
OUT
...

YOU
GO TO
MY HIGH
SCHOOL
...?

BADUMP
==
!!

SO
THAT'S
HOW
BADLY
YOU
WANTED
TO KNOW
ABOUT
MY PROB-
LEMS,
HUH
...



WATCH-
ING ME
UNDER-
COVER,
AND
MAKING
ME LIE
ABOUT
LIKING
BASKET-
BALL

...

I HOPE
YOU'RE
PLEASED
WITH
YOUR-
SELF.



AND
I DON'T
THINK YOU
LIED
EARLIER
WHEN YOU
SAID YOU
LIKED
BASKET-
BALL!

YOU'VE
GOT IT
ALL
WRONG!
I JUST...
WANTED
TO KNOW
ABOUT
YOU.



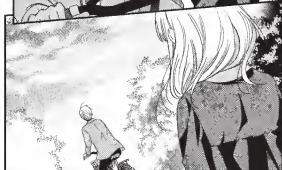
THAT'S
NOT
IT...

WAS
IT FUN
FOR YOU
KNOWING
THAT A GUY
AT SCHOOL
MIGHT HAVE
PROBLEMS
WHEN HE
SEEMS LIKE
HE HAS
NONE?



NEVER
MIND
WHETHER
OR NOT
I LIED
...

HOW
ABOUT
THE FACT
THAT YOU
DECEIVED
ME?



NAO INOHARA
BORN JULY 8TH
BLOOD TYPE: AB
HEIGHT: 184CM
FAVORITE FOOD:
HAMBURGER STEAK
KARAAGE



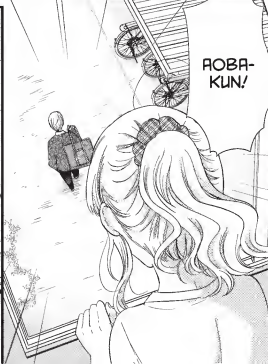
6:30 AM
WOKEN UP BY KOTA
AND ALTERNATE
RINGER SOUNDS

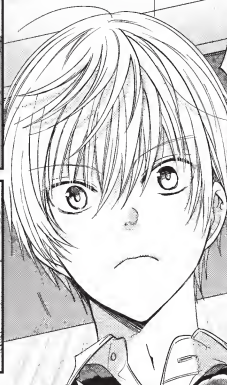
ONE OF
THEM IS
A CAT.



THERE
ARE SIX
MEMBERS
IN THE
INOHARA
FAMILY.

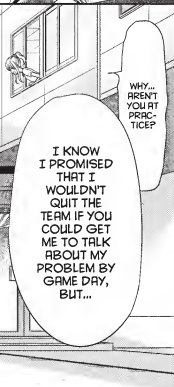
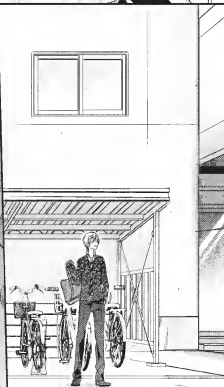






**AOBA-
KUN!**

I HAVE
NOTHING
TO SAY TO
YOU ANY-
MORE.



WHY...
AREN'T
YOU AT
PRAC-
TICE?

I KNOW
I PROMISED
THAT I
WOULDN'T
QUIT THE
TEAM IF YOU
COULD GET
ME TO TALK
ABOUT MY
PROBLEM BY
GAME DAY,
BUT...



SO
THERE'S
NO POINT
GOING TO
PRACTICE,
RIGHT?

I
ALSO
WON'T BE
PLAYING IN
THE GAME
...

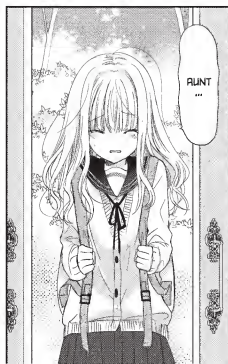




IT'S
MY
FAULT
...

THAT HE
DECIDED
TO QUIT
...

I CAN'T
TELL THE
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM
THAT HE
WON'T BE
PLAYING
IN THE
GAME...



AUNT
...



DURING
TEA
TIME

MAYO,
WHAT'S
WITH THE
LONG
FACE?





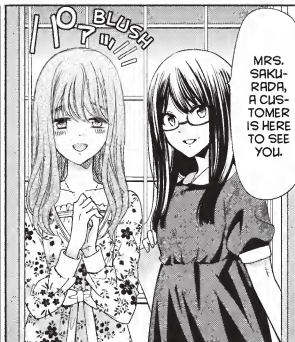
CUSTOMER
SERVICE SMILE

OH, MY!
HOW CAN
I HELP
YOU
TODAY,
DEAR?

WELL...
I WANTED
TO THANK
YOU.



FUSTERED



MRS.
SAKU-
RADA,
A CUS-
TOMER
IS HERE
TO SEE
YOU.



IT MADE
ME REALLY
HAPPY...
TO HAVE
SOMEONE
LISTEN
ATTENTIVELY
TO THINGS
THAT ANYONE
ELSE WOULD
SAY "NO"
TO...



THE
OTHER
DAY, AFTER
SHARING MY
PROBLEMS
WITH
SOMEONE,
I FELT...
RELIEVED
OF MY
WORRIES.



H...
HUH?





THAT'S
A LIE!!

I
REJECTED
WHAT
AOBA-KUN
HAD TO
SAY...

YOU'RE
RIGHT...
I SHOULD
BE FIRED.

MAYO
...

NOT ONLY
DID I NOT
LISTEN
TO HIM, I
WENT AND
SHOVED
MY NOSE
WHERE I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE.



AS
BASKET-
BALL-
TEAM
MANAGER
P

CLUB APPLICATION

CLUBS

I
WANTED
TO...
RELIEVE
SOMEONE
OF THEIR
WORRIES
LIKE THAT,
TOO.

BUT
...

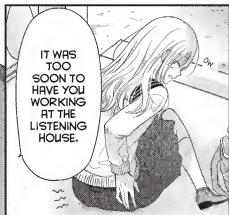


AND
COME
BACK A
LITTLE
WISER,
OKAY?

GIVE
SOME-
THING
ELSE
A TRY
BESIDES
LISTEN-
ING...

TOSS
どあこいっ

DON'T
MAKE
FACES
LIKE THAT
IN FRONT
OF OUR
CUSTOM-
ERS!



IT WAS
TOO
SOON TO
HAVE YOU
WORKING
AT THE
LISTENING
HOUSE.



SOMETHING
I CAN DO
BESIDES
LISTENING
...?

SLAM

ROBA'S
MISSING
PRACTICE
AGAIN!

HUH?

LIKE WHAT,
EXACTLY?

DID
HE WANT
TO QUIT
THE TEAM
BECAUSE HE
COULDN'T
ADMIT THAT
HE LIKES
BASKET-
BALL?

ROBA-
KUN?

HE
WOULDN'T
MISS
TOMOR-
ROW'S
GAME,
RIGHT?

IS
THIS
SOME
JOKE
?

WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN
IF HE
DOESN'T
SHOW UP
TO THE
GAME?

I BET
THERE
ARE
OTHER
REASONS,
TOO.



THAT'S...
NOT
GOOD.

GOOD
JOB!

BASKET-
BALL ISN'T
THE ONLY
VALUABLE
THING HE'LL
END UP
LOSING
LIKE THIS
...

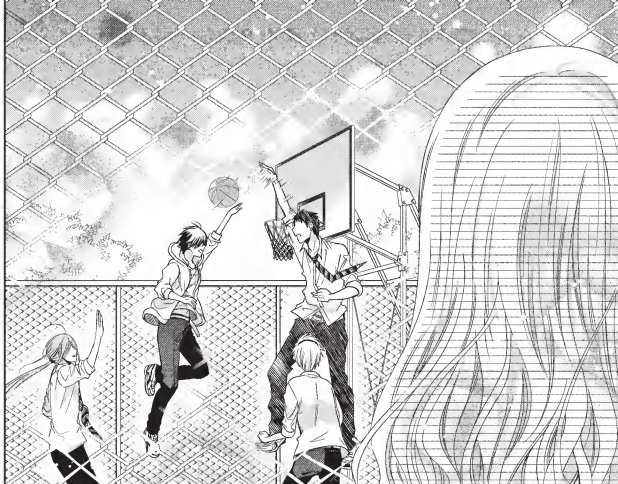
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!! SIGH
P...

HEY!
NAO!

THE
DAY'S
OVER,
AND I
STILL
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO DO.

I GET
THE FEELING
THAT HE
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
ADMIT TO
LIKING
ANYTHING
FOR THE
REST OF HIS
LIFE...





TAIKI?

DON'T
YOU THINK
IT'S A BAD
IDEA TO
RELY SO
MUCH ON
ROBA?



PANIC PANIC
guyin

YEAH...
AND
WE'RE UP
AGAINST
A TOUGH
TEAM.

I DON'T
KNOW IF
WE CAN
WIN WITH-
OUT HIM
TOMOR-
ROW!



YOU'RE
GETTING
LEFT
BEHIND,
SEMPAI!

BEATS
ME.

THAT'S
WHY HE'S
MISSING
PRACTICE?
NAO, YOU
KNOW ANY-
THING?

WE
MIGHT'VE
PUT TOO
MUCH
PRESSURE
ON HIM.

PART
OF THE
REASON
HE'S
PLAYING
IS FOR US,
HIS TEAM-
MATES.



MAN,
YOU'RE
ONE
COLD
DUDE!

NO
...



UNEPAZED
けろり

IF HE
BAILS ON
US NOW,
IT SHOWS
WHAT HE'S
WORTH.



I
GOTTA
GET
AOBA-
KUN TO
PLAY IN
THE
GAME!

I WANNA
BELIEVE
HE MEANT
IT... WHEN
HE SAID
HE LIKED
BASKET-
BALL...

I
BELIEVE
AOBA-
KUN...

I
LIKE
...



THAT'S
IT...!

!



YOU
SURE
ARE
LAX.

IT'S
FINE.

ALSO,
KOTA MAY
NOT LOOK
IT, BUT
THE GUY
HATES TO
LOSE.

BUT
HOW...?



DO YOU
GUYS...
HAVE A
MOMENT
?

EXCUSE
ME...

EXCUSE
ME!

STAND



BOY'S B BALL
MANAGER

LET'S MEET UP AT 8 FOR TMW'S
GAME! DON'T BE LATE!

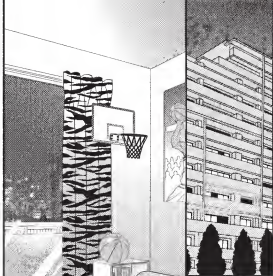
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NAO

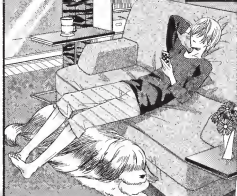
HOW MUCH MONEY CAN
WE USE FOR SNACKS?

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HEY, ARE YOU
THERE, KOTA?
I'M GOING TO
YOUR HOUSE
RIGHT NOW.

THE
GAME
...



?!
?

SORRY!
I ASKED
INOHARA-
KUN
WHERE
YOU LIVE!



YES?



KER-
CHAK

NAO!
WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE?



UM...
ABOUT
TOMOR-
ROW'S
GAME...



IF
THAT'S
WHAT YOU
WANNA
TALK
ABOUT
I'M NOT—

I
KNOW.



FIRE
?!

I-I
GOT
FIRED
FROM
THE
LISTENING
HOUSE,
SO...

I CAME
HERE
TO GIVE
YOU A
MESSAGE
AS A
MANAGER.



**YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
COME TO
TOMOR-
ROW'S
GAME.**

**I DON'T
THINK YOU
SHOULD DO
SOMETHING
YOU DON'T
WANT TO.**







HUH
...?



YOU AND
I WERE IN
THE SAME
CLASS FOR
A YEAR BACK
IN JUNIOR
HIGH, ROBA-
KUN



BUT IT
LOOKS
LIKE
THINGS
HAVE
CHANGED.

EVER
SINCE,
YOU'VE
BEEN
SOMEONE
SPECIAL
TO ME.

WHEN
I WAS ABLE
TO SHARE
WITH YOU
WHAT I
COULDN'T
SHARE WITH
ANYONE
ELSE...
I WAS SO
HAPPY.



FUP
//
WY



IT MUST
BE SO
DIFFICULT
BEING
UNABLE
TO ADMIT
WHEN
YOU LIKE
SOME-
THING.

BUT IF
YOU LET
THAT PART
OF YOU TAKE
OVER, WHAT
HAPPENS
TO THAT
FEELING?

DOES
IT GET
CRUMPLED
UP AND
THROWN
AWAY?



**CONSIDER
YOUR OWN
FEELINGS,
TOO, AOB-
KUN!**



SNIFF...
⚡



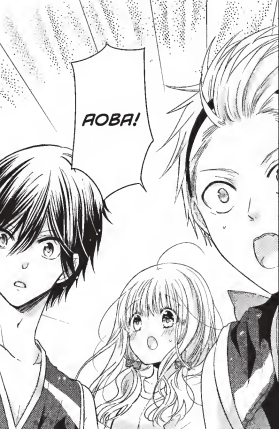
DASH
⚡



THE
TEAM
WILL WIN
TOMOR-
ROW'S
GAME
WITHOUT
YOU,
AOB-
KUN...

SO
PLEASE
COME
AND
WATCH.





AOBA!



AL-THOUGH I
SHOULDN'T
TALK, SINCE
I DIDN'T
SHOW
UP...

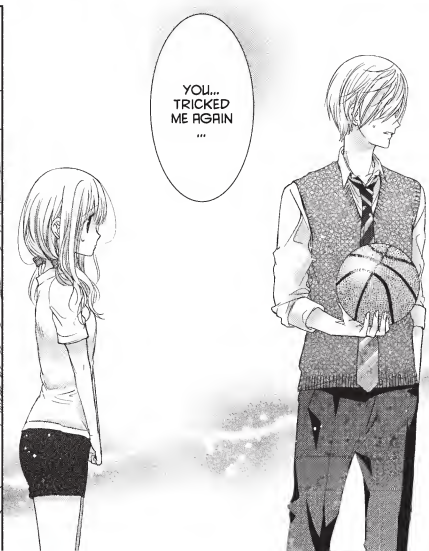


C'MON,
MAN!
LET'S
DO THIS!

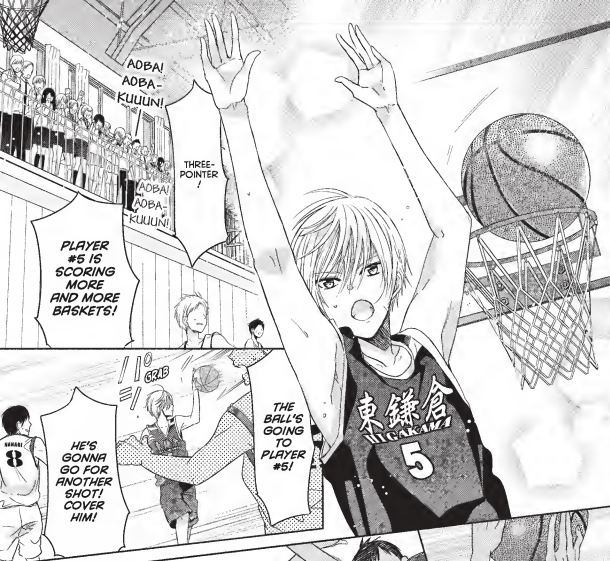
HUH
...?



YOU GUYS
SAID YOU
CAN WIN
WITHOUT
ME, BUT
YOU'RE
LOSING!



YOU...
TRICKED
ME AGAIN
...



HIGASHI-KAMAKURA
HIGH WINS
77-74!!

BEEP!

I DON'T
CARE
WHAT
YOU HAVE
TO SAY.
I'M NOT
GONNA
FORGIVE
YOU.

I HATE
YOUR
GUTS.

YOU
GUYS
DID
IT!

WOOHOO!

STING
STING...

...



THAT'S
FINE.

EVEN
IF YOU
HATE ME...
I WANNA
HEAR THE
WORDS
THAT YOU
CAN'T SAY,
ROBA-
KUN.



I
SEE.

...



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OF COURSE!

YOU REALLY ADMIRE MY AUNT, HUH?!



AND SHE'S ALSO APPARENTLY A CRAZY FAN OF MY AUNT.

SO LUCKY...

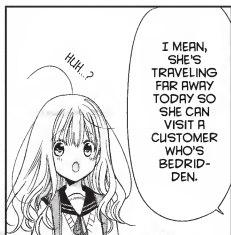
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW MUCH I ENVY YOU FOR BEING A RELATIVE OF THE OWNER.



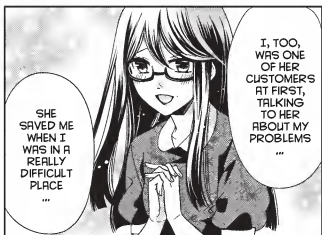
MARIA SAKURADA, THE EVER CHARISMATIC PRESENCE OF THE LISTENING WORLD!!

WHEN SITTING BEFORE HER, A PERSON CAN'T HELP BUT SHARE THEIR HEART ...

SHE'S TRULY A SAINT !!



I MEAN,
SHE'S
TRAVELING
FAR AWAY
TODAY SO
SHE CAN
VISIT A
CUSTOMER
WHO'S
BEDRID-
DEN.



SHE
SAVED ME
WHEN I
WAS IN A
REALLY
DIFFICULT
PLACE
...

I, TOO,
WAS ONE
OF HER
CUSTOMERS
AT FIRST,
TALKING
TO HER
ABOUT MY
PROBLEMS
...



MY AUNT
IS REALLY
SOMETHING,
HUH!

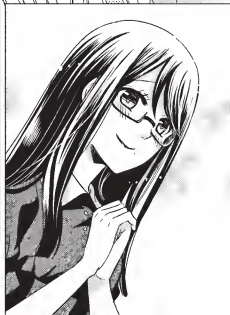
SHE'S
NORMALLY
SO SCARY
AND
STRICT
...



YOU
MEAN
ROBA-
KUN?

DON'T
FORGET
THAT BOY
WHO'S IN
THE SAME
YEAR AS
YOU.

YOU
CAN'T BE
SITTING
AROUND,
EITHER,
MAYO-
CHAN!



YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE
I CAN TALK
TO!

IF THE
OWNER
HAS A
SESSION
WITH HIM,
HE'LL FOR
SURE BE
SMITTEN
WITH
HER!

JUST LIKE
ME!

QUITE
THE
TROUBLED
BOY



?!

MAYO
RENEWED
HER
RESOLVE.

?

ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

I'M
THE ONE
WHO'S
GONNA
LISTEN
TO AOBA-
KUN...!!

The End.

THIS STORY TAKES PLACE IN A SOMEWHAT STRANGE SETTING CALLED THE "LISTENING HOUSE," WITH "LISTENING" BEING THE THEME.

FINALLY.
IT'S THE FIRST VOLUME!



HELLO, AND NICE TO MEET YOU! MY NAME IS EMA TOYAMA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PICKING THIS BOOK.

I DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF IT THEN, BUT...



(GAME TIME!)

IT IMPRESSED ME HOW HAPPY THE CUSTOMERS SEEMED SPENDING THAT TIME.

ALTHOUGH I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT PEOPLE PAY MONEY TO HAVE SOMEONE LISTEN TO THEM...

I FIRST HEARD OF "LISTENING" BEING A JOB WHEN I WATCHED A TELEVISION SPECIAL ON ODD JOBS.



I WONDER IF I CAN MAKE THIS IDEA INTO A MANGA ...?

EVEN IF IT WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM, YOU FEEL HAPPY THAT SOMEONE HEARD YOU OUT

GETTING SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOUR PROBLEMS MIGHT ACTUALLY BE QUITE IMPORTANT...

AFTER SHE SPOKE, SHE SEEMED TO RELAX.

I'M NEVER GONNA FOR-
GIVE HIM!

WHEN MY MOM WAS STRESSED, SHE WOULD SAY THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND I WOULD LISTEN ATTENTIVELY...

PRESENT ON G WELL!



UHH-HUUH
UHH-HUUH

I'LL BE DOING MY BEST WITH MAYO, SO I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE SECOND VOLUME!



THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL!

WHEN I SAID THAT TO MY SUPERVISOR, SHE HAD THE BEST RESPONSE!

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF KIDS READ THIS AND THOUGHT, "TOMORROW, I'M GONNA TRY LISTENING WHEN MY FRIENDS SHARE SOMETHING WITH ME!"

AND SO, THIS STORY WAS BORN! MY SHOULDERS ENDED UP HURTING, BUT...



**BURGEONING
FEELINGS**



WILL EACH OF THE GUYS FROM
THE BASKETBALL TEAM...



FALL FOR MAYO, TOO...?!

THE STORY'S ABOUT
TO REALLY GET
GOING!

AOBA-KUN'S

CONFESSIONS



PANT...A...

WHY
WITH
YOU
...?



NEXT TIME...

BA-
DUMP
BA-
DUMP



I CAN
FREELY
SHARE MY
COMPLAINTS
AND FRUS-
TRATIONS

WITH
YOU...

WILL
MAYO
FINALLY

GET
CLOSER
TO
KNOWING
AOBA-
KUN'S

SECRET
?!



WHAT ON
EARTH
HAPPENED
TO YOU...

AFTER I
TRANSFERRED
SCHOOLS?.

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